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RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

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1. AS EXPECTED, THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DURING THEIR
MARCH 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING DECIDED TO ISSUE A
DECLARATION ON EC/JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS, FOLLOWING UP ON THE
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NOVEMBER 30, 1976 STATEMENT ISSUED AT THEIR MEETING IN THE HAGUE
(REFTEL B).

2. AT THIS POST-SESSION PRESS CONFERENCE, U.K. PRIME
MINISTER CALLAGHAN (THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT) STRESSED THAT THE
DISCUSSION ON JAPAN HAD TAKEN PLACE AGAINST THE BACK-
GROUND OF THE COMMUNITY'S "WIDER CONSIDERATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL

TRADE QUESTIONS". HE SAID THE EC IS LOOKING FOR SUSTAINED GROWTH IN TRADE, ON A BALANCED BASIS, WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL TRADE FRAMEWORK. HE ADDED THAT "THE WHOLE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND GENOMIC ADJUSTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE OF CONCERN; AND OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH JAPAN WILL FORM PART OF THAT WIDER QUESTION".

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION, ISSUED ON MARCH 26: /BEGIN TEXT/: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, RECALLING ITS STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 30, 1976.

- REAFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND JAPAN;
- NOTES THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS TOWARDS RESOLVING CERTAIN SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS;
- OBSERVES, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL THE PROBLEMS HAVE YET BEEN SOLVED AND CONSIDERS THAT EFFORTS HAVE TO BE CONTINUED PARTICULARLY WITH A VIEW TO THE SUSTAINED EXPANSION OF EXPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO JAPAN;
- INVITES ACCORDINGLY THE RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS TO CONTINUE THE INTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WITH THE AIM OF RESOLVING OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. /END TEXT/. GARDNER

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